

SENATE BILL 2288

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to child abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-130(c), is amended by deleting the language "severe".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-130(c), is further amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (c)(1) and adding the following subdivision (c)(2):

(2) If an employee of the department violates this subsection (c) by knowingly returning a child without the required court findings to the custody or residence of a person who was found by the department or a court to be abusing the child or knowingly failing to protect the child from abuse, the employee shall be terminated for cause and shall not be eligible for reemployment with the department.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.